

Influenza Vaccination Recommendations

Updates for 2017-2018

What Providers Need to Know for the 2017-2018 Influenza Season

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to recommend annual flu vaccination for everyone aged 6 months and older. In addition, the CDC recommends that the “nasal spray” FluMist® vaccine should not be used during the 2017-2018 flu season.

Key Facts

- Based on CDC data, LAIV did not demonstrate enough evidence of effectiveness to warrant a recommendation following the 2015-2016 flu season. Researchers are working to correct the problem and bring LAIV back to the market in the future.
- Preliminary estimates of vaccine effectiveness for LAIV among children aged 2 through 17 years during the 2015-2016 season was 3%, compared to Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV) at 63%.
- The ACIP recommendation to not use FluMist® during the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 flu seasons is an example of scientific research influencing policies to improve overall population health.

Provider Information

- The Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) has not changed since August 7, 2015. To access go to www.michigan.gov/immunize → Health Care Professionals/Providers → VIS at the top
- LAIV will not be available under the Vaccines for Children program.
- All educational materials will still cover LAIV as it is a licensed product, but will include this statement "Live attenuated influenza vaccine (FluMist) is not recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for use during the 2017-2018 Influenza season in the United States."

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1. Grohskopf, L. 2017. [Influenza WG Considerations and Proposed Recommendations](#). (PowerPoint Slides).

To access slides from previous ACIP meetings, email ACIP@CDC.gov.

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